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Attendance last week

52 Total membership
The club was dark, no info to pass along this week!

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President's Column

Greetings Denver Mile High Rotarians!

Nov 30, 2020

I hope that everyone had an enjoyable Thanksgiving celebration last week. Ours has lasted a week, between cooking our first turkey on Monday and picking up a smoked turkey for Thursday's dinner, complete with all of the sides and enjoying left-overs for days. Now, back to a more normal diet this week for me!

District Governor, Bob Kemp, wants everyone in our district to get out for a day of service this coming Saturday, Dec 5. With the limitations due to Covid, I think something that many of us can do safely, is to don your Rotary masks, go for a walk, pick up some trash in your neighborhood, and take some photos of "Rotary in Action!"

while doing so. Perhaps we can create a photo collage to post on our website and newsletter with the pictures.

why couldn't the green pepper practice archery?



...because it didn't habanero

Joke of the week: Why did the physics teacher and biology teacher break up? Because there was no chemistry!

Stay well and see you on ZOOM this Wednesday!

Brad Thompson

ZOOM LINK

**Through December or until further notice,
all meetings will be via Zoom - No in person meetings.**

The Zoom meeting "room" will open at 7:00 am, and the meeting will begin at 7:15.

To join the Zoom meeting, click on the following link:

<https://zoom.us/j/317120546?pwd=ZjZKeGM5NEFQU2pTSXErZUpUa0Z3UT09>

Meeting ID: 317 120 546

Password: DMHR2020

Ann Tull, who has shopped through the AmazonSmile portal for many years, reports the following message she received from AmazonSmile...

smile.amazon.com

"You made a difference. Because you placed this order at smile.amazon.com, Amazon will make a donation to **Rotary Foundation of Rotary International**. Your purchases have supported charity 62 times by starting at smile.amazon.com."

Ann continues to say...It's easy to sign up, and Rotary gets 5% of everything I spend. Two of our members (**Tom Giordano and Sonny Wiegand**) are working on signing up the Denver Mile High Rotary Foundation as well! Stay tuned for further details.

Reports and a Word from your Editor...

Report on the Citrus Sales Project



All,

I want to thank you for your support. I especially would like to thank **Melanie Gentz, Jeff McAnallen, Geoff/Annely Noble, Betty Spier, and Ronnie Weiss** for getting outside orders. I would like to thank even more especially **Robin Springer, who received orders for 38 boxes**. In this time of COVID-19 and reduced purchases by businesses, **we sold 193 boxes of citrus including 49 boxes for Food for Thought** to help feed hungry families. In addition, **Constance Mortell** will donate 5 boxes of oranges to the Denver Children's Home.

Ben Cherry of River Royal informed me that the citrus COULD be delivered on December 3, which means that we would distribute citrus on December 5. I will let you know when I have a firm date and will request volunteers and will take requests for delivery.

Thanks again. I hope you had a nice Thanksgiving.

Tom Giordano
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THANK YOU to Tom Giordano for spearheading this wonderful fundraiser for the DMHR Foundation!

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A word from your editor...

Dear fellow Rotarians,

Tomorrow is **Giving Tuesday**; give to RI by [clicking here](#), and to DMHR Foundation by [clicking here](#)!

December 5th is Rotary Action Day, **give of yourself**, no money requested or required! See Brad's message on page 1.

District 5450 is again in the Rotary magazine (page 17 of the December issue). Deb Fine, Jim Haldeman and the Cherry Creek Rotary Club (all District 5450) have been in the Rotary magazine the past few months; what will our club do to be worthy and featured in this official Rotary publication?

Believing in the power of Rotary to improve the world...
together we can achieve...

See you Wednesday on Zoom!

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The more you contribute to your Rotary Experience,

the more you benefit from your Rotary Experience.

What are YOU contributing to Rotary?

Bruce Ward shares the following...

The tradition of the U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree, or "The People's Tree," began in 1964 when Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives John W. McCormack (D-MA) placed a live Christmas tree on the Capitol lawn. This tree lived three years before succumbing to wind and root damage.

In 1970, the Capitol Architect asked the U.S. Forest Service to provide a Christmas tree. Since then, a different national forest has been chosen each year to provide "The People's Tree." This national forest also works with state forests to provide companion trees that are smaller Christmas trees for offices in Washington, D.C.

The Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison (GMUG) National Forest in Colorado has provided the 2020 U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree.



To read a fun holiday poem, click on [Twas the day of the tree cutting!](#)

Watch for the lighting of our National Christmas tree on December 5th!



Denver Mile High Rotary Calendar of Events

November 30 - TODAY - World Community Service meeting. Contact Audrey Leavitt for Zoom details.

December 1 - Rotary Book Club - 4:30 pm - [Please click here](#) or contact **Linda Sue Shirley** to be included in the Zoom link. The book club is reading The Daughters of Yalta by Catherine Grace Katz. All are welcome to join!

December 3 - Local Community Service meeting 4:00-5:00 pm. Contact Tom Cella for the Zoom link.

December 5 - Rotary Action Day - Wear your Rotary gear (mask, at least), and pick up trash on your walk today.

December 9 - Pem Dorjee Sherpa - From Everest ascents to a home in the US, to Projects Back in his native Nepal. Aside from his mountaineering achievements, Dorjee has worked on improving the quality of life in his home village of Chayangba. Dorjee has organized service projects such as dental, eye, and other health projects, as well as funding to build libraries, schools, and drinking water systems in his village and other remote villages in Nepal.

December 12 - NOTE - This date may change to Dec. 5 - Pick up Citrus orders at 1600 W. Colfax; details will follow.

December 15 - DMHR Holiday party - Zoom in from 5:00-6:30 PM. Festive attire (Elf costume?) is suggested. BYOB.

December 16 - Back in the Day - DMHR Rotarians' Childhood photos and memories; can you identify our members from their 10 year old or younger photos? Or from their stories? See next page for more information.

December 23 - Club Dark - HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

December 30 - Club Dark - January 1 - HAPPY NEW YEAR!

January 6 - Patrick Byrne, CEO and Michelle Wiley, Chief Impact Officer, Denver Kids - Patrick and Michelle will talk about history of Denver Kids and Rotary, and inform the club of service opportunities available to DMHR club members.

January 13 - Club Activity - Write Valentine's Cards for shut ins, those we haven't seen for a while, etc.

January 20 - Debra Fine - Author of the Fine Art of Small Talk and The Fine Art of the Big Talk. Local Rotarian/author!

January 27 - Temple Buel Scholar report from Jay Arehart. Jay has been studying in Edinburgh, Scotland where his focus is on building and foundational structural materials sustainability. He has been a major partner with Project Drawdown; you can [learn more about Jay](#) on his website, and of course during his Rotary presentation.

February 3, 2021 - Charlie Hunt and Tilyian Phannenstiel - Partnership between Rotary and the Peace Corps. An incredible partnership agreement was formally created in 2015 and renewed in 2018. The partnership came about because a group of Rotarians in District 5450 helped both agencies realize that they do the same work but from different points of execution. Collaboratively both could have greater projects and this would only happen with a greater awareness of the partnership at the grassroots level.

February 10 - Julie Topeka and Doug Jackson share how Project Cure in Centennial is the world's largest distributor of donated medical relief. Project Cure routinely provides over \$50 million annually in donated medical equipment and supplies from six distribution centers in major US cities and smaller collection centers around the country. With COVID-19, Project Cure pivoted to meeting needs domestically.

News Worth Knowing

Date	Inspiration	Greeters	Host
December 2	Vass Sirpolaidis	Carolyn Schrader and Linda Sue Shirkey	Roberta Simonton
December 9	Betty Speir	Robin Springer and Michael Tapp	Tony Vaida
December 16	Margaret Van Vliet	Mary Walta and Bruce Ward	Marty Waters

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December Birthdays

3 Dec - Noreen Keleshian
4 Dec - Tom Gregory
13 Dec - Tom Cella
16 Dec - Bob Kemp

Meeting Leader Calendar

Dec 2 Melanie Gentz
Dec 9 Melanie Gentz
Dec 16 Steve Blazek
Dec 23 Dark - no meeting Happy Holidays!
Dec 30 Dark - no meeting Happy New Year!
Jan 6 Melanie Gentz
Jan 13 Adams Price
Jan 20. Melanie Gentz
Jan 27 Steve Blazek

DMHR Book Group

Have you ever wondered what the DMHR Book Club has read recently? Following are the most recent reads:

The Bookish Life of Nina Hill

by Abbi Waxman

The Lady in the Lake

by Laura Lippman

Freeman

by Leonard Pitts, Jr.

This coming Tuesday, December 1, the book group meets via Zoom to discuss

The Daughters of Yalta

by Catherine Grace Katz.

All are welcome to join! Please see page 3 of this newsletter for the Zoom link, or contact Linda Sue Shirkey to be placed on the monthly distribution list.



This poster has become one of the most famous propaganda icons of World War II, and the irony is that the poster was never displayed in public. We surely can use it now to remember that one day COVID-19 will be history.

Mental Wellness Tip of the Week

List and celebrate your accomplishments of the month.

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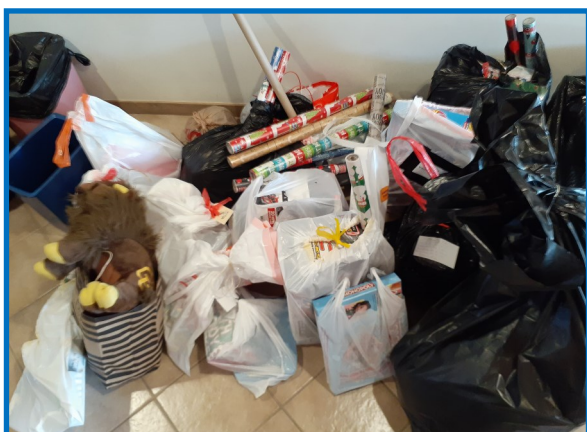


Mental Wellness tip brought to you by **Diane Messamore**

The Final Word - Service Above Self



Gift Giving Project...Our DMHR members outdid themselves in donations of gifts and gift cards for children of clients of the Covenant Cupboard Food Pantry! You stuffed full Annely Noble's car twice!



Metro Caring and our Club's Participation!

The Denver Mile High Rotary has been allotted the second Thursday morning of each month to help rebag dry staples (rolled oats, cracked oats, lentils, beans, etc.) from 50 pound bags to 2 pound portions.

Please put the following dates in your calendars:

Dec 10

Jan 14

Feb 11

Mar 11

Please arrive to begin volunteering at 9:00 am. There will be a short break mid-morning, and we will finish up at 12:30 pm.

Please bring your own water and snack if you choose.

If you have any questions, contact **Robin Springer** (who kindly organized this function for us) at 303-778-0858.

The address of the warehouse is 5200 Smith Road, suite 130, Denver, **however**, please park and enter on the west side of the building, which is on Forest.

The following Rotarians have signed up to help on a regular basis. If you would like to fill in occasionally when a regular volunteer is unable to attend, please call

Robin Springer at 303-778-0858 .

Noreen Keleshian

Annely Noble

Audrey Leavitt

Tom Cella

Dan Himmelspace

Roberta Simonton

Susanne Lorenz

Marty Waters

Cathi Waters

Tom Giordano

Pam Giordano

Margaret Van Vliet

Tom Gregory

Debra Flick

Robin Springer

Donations were staged, then distributed into the appropriate family bags. Once all the children in each family had gifts, the volunteers added more goodies to the bags. The extras included but were not limited to Christmas stockings containing candy and small toys, gift cards, extra gifts such as hats, scarves, socks, mittens, etc. Although recipient families come from all faiths and ethnicities, this project really did look like Santa was coming to town with a sack full of goodies for each and every client family. The food pantry expected 175 families but experienced the need of 223 families who came through the line. Volunteers were able to act quickly and distribute the extra bags the following week. [Click here](#) (pg 2) to see a list of DMHR members who participated in this project. **THANK YOU ALL!**